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EFFECT OF POLLUTANTS UPON AQUATIC ECOSYSTEMS AND PERMISSIBLE
LEVELS OF POLLUTION (02.02-13)

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1. REQUEST EMBASSY PASS FOLLOWING DATED MAY 12 TO PROFESSOR
N.V. BUTORIN, DIRECTOR, INSTITUTE OF BIOLOGY OF INLAND
WATERS, BOROK, NEKOUZKY RAYON, YAROSLAVSKAYA OBLAST 152742, WITH
COPY TO KAZAKOV OF HYDROMET.

2. "DEAR PROFESSOR BUTORIN: IN MY CORRESPONDENCE TO YOU
DATED APRIL 12, 1976, THE COMPOSITION OF THE US DELEGATION THAT
WILL VISIT THE SOVIET UNION THE LATTER PART OF JUNE 1976 WAS
ALTERED BY THE ADDITION OF DR. ALBERT B. DICKAS, DIRECTOR OF
THE CENTER FOR LAKE SUPERIOR ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES AND PROFESSOR
OF GEOSCIENCES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN, SUPERIOR,
WISCONSIN. I HAVE ASKED DR. DICKAS TO
PREPARE A PAPER ON THE SUBJECT OF THE RELATIONSHIP OF
GEOLOGIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE LAKE SUPERIOR BASIN TO PRESENT DAY
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POLLUTION PROBLEMS. IN ADDITION, DR. DICKAS WOULD

LIKE TO EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITIES REGARDING THE EXCHANGE OF STUDENTS BETWEEN THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-SUPERIOR AND SOVIET UNIVERSITIES.

REGARDING THIS LATTER MATTER, DR. DICKAS WOULD APPRECIATE BEING ABLE TO MEET WITH SOVIET GEOLOGIC ACADEMICIANS IN ORDER TO EXPLORE EXCHANGE PROCEDURES AND FOR PURPOSES OF EXCHANGE OF GEOLOGIC RESEARCH AND EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION. SHOULD SUCH APPOINTMENTS BE POSSIBLE, DR. DICKAS WILL BE PREPARED TO PRESENT GUEST LECTURES ON THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS:

(A) PRE-CAMBRIAN TECTONIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE LAKE SUPERIOR BASIN;

(B) PLEISTOCENE HISTORY OF LAKE SUPERIOR;

(C) GEOLOGIC POLLUTION OF LAKE SUPERIOR;

(D) HYDROCARBON PRODUCTION IN THE GULF OF MEXICO SALT DOME PROVINCE;

(E) TERTIARY SUBSURFACE SUBMARINE CANYON DEVELOPMENT AND SEDIMENTATION.

THE CENTER FOR LAKE SUPERIOR ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES IS THE AUTHORIZED LAKE SUPERIOR RESEARCH UNIT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN, THE THIRD LARGEST EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM IN THE UNITED STATES. OF SPECIAL INTEREST WOULD BE THE OPPORTUNITY TO COMPARE AND CONTRAST THE GEOLOGY OF THE LAKE SUPERIOR BASIN AND THE LAKE BAIKAL AREA. DR. DICKAS HAS PREPARED A DRAFT PROPOSAL OF A US-USSR STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM AND FORWARDED A COPY TO DR. GRIGORY I. GALAZY OF THE SIBERIAN BRANCH, USSR ACADEMY OF SCIENCE, WHO IN TURN HAS EXPRESSED INTEREST IN SUCH AN EXCHANGE. BECAUSE OF THE SIMILARITIES OF THESE TWO GEOGRAPHIC AREAS (BOTH "LARGEST" FRESH WATER LAKES OF THE WORLD, AND SIMILARITIES IN GEOLOGY, FORESTATION, CLIMATE AND POPULATION DENSITY), THE FOCUSING OF SUCH A STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM ON THESE TWO LAKE AREAS SEEMS APPARENT.

BASED ON PRESENT KNOWLEDGE OF THE US DELEGATION TRAVEL
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AGENDA, MAY I ASK YOU TO INVESTIGATE THE POSSIBILITIES OF DR. DICKAS MEETING WITH THE GEOLOGIC FACULTY OF THE FOLLOWING EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS (OR ANY OTHERS YOU MAY SUGGEST):

(A) MOSCOW STATE UNIVERSITY: V.A. KUDRIATSEV, DEAN, FACULTY OF GEOLOGY;

(B) LENINGRAD STATE UNIVERSITY: G.I. MAKAROV, REKTOR;

(C) YAROSLAV STATE UNIVERSITY;

(D) IRKUTSK STATE UNIVERSITY: N.F. LOSEV, REKTOR (LETTER
ALREADY SENT BY DR. DICKAS).

PLANS TO ARRIVE IN MOSCOW ON JUNE 12, 1976, ARE NEARING
COMPLETION AND THE US DELEGATION IS OPTIMISTIC THAT THE VISIT
WILL BE MUTUALLY HELPFUL TO BOTH SIDES. SINCERELY, DONALD I.
MOUNT, PH.D., DIRECTOR"

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